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SUBJ: AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN RUKUN TETANGGA

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1. DURING CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 3 IN CONNECTION WITH BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROBLEMS (SEPTEL), DCM ASKED UNDER SECRETARY KHOR ENG HEE WHERE THINGS STOOD ON RUKUN TETANGGA. KHOR SAID GOM WOULD BE GETTING OUT SOME KIND OF REGULATION CLARIFYING THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MALAYSIA COULD NOT PARTICIPATE. HE SAID (IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO PEACE CORPS) THAT IT WAS UP TO US TO DECIDE WHO CONSTITUTED USG EMPLOYEES.

2. KHOR THEN SAID THAT QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY NON-OFFICIAL FOREIGNERS WAS MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF LAW. HE BELIEVED THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, HOWEVER, ADDING THAT GOM DID NOT WISH FOREIGNERS PARTICIPATING IN RUKUN TETANGGA.

3. ACTING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE UNDP TOLD AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GOM THAT ALL UN PEOPLE AND EVERYONE HERE IN "AID" CAPACITY, WERE EXCLUDED FROM RUKUN TETANGGA PARTICIPATION. HE BELIEVED THAT THIS COVERED PEACE CORPS.

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4. KHOR'S FLAT ASSERTION THAT THE GOM DID NOT WISH FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN RUKUN TETANGGA ECHOES PRIME

MINISTER'S WORDS TO AMBASSADOR REPORTED REFTEL B.
THIS IS ENCOURAGING BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT PRIME MINISTER'S
ATTITUDE IS NOW PENETRATING TO WORKING LEVELS OF GOM.
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